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Interview Summary

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Date of Interview: 15 July 2009.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: ____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 4.

Identification of prior art discussed: Petronio, Kaski.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The applicant's representative discussed the claimed invention, and proposed amendments to read over the prior art cited, particularly with regards to the lack of torso attachment in claim 1, and the location of the weight within the gaiter in claim 4. The quality of the drawings was also discussed, as were suggestions to clarify the depictions of the scanned photographs. Applicant to submit an amendment.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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